

## **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a cosmetic pigmentary composition, said process comprising bringing into contact:
  - (a) hydrated chromium oxide-based particles ( $p_0$ ), with a chromium (VI) content between 20 and 1000 ppm of the total mass of said particles ( $p_0$ ); and
  - (b) an iron (II) compound,to prepare a cosmetic pigmentary composition comprising particles (p) with a chromium oxide base, in which the chromium present as chromium (VI) represents at most 5 ppm of the total mass of the particles (p).
2. (Original) A process as in claim 1, in which the particles ( $p_0$ ) used in the process have an average size between 1 and 20 microns.
3. (Previously Presented) A process as in claim 1, in which the molar ratio of the iron (II) used to the chromium (VI) initially found in the particles ( $p_0$ ) is between 4 : 1 and 6 : 1.
4. (Previously Presented) A process as in claim 1, in which the iron (II) compound is iron (II) sulfate.
5. (Previously Presented) A process as in claim 1, in which the reaction of the iron (II) compound used has a pH between 5 and 9.
- Claims 6-7. (Cancelled).
8. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the cosmetic pigmentary composition is used in at least one of a highlighter, a mascara, an eyeliner, or a foundation.

9. (New) A process for preparing a cosmetic, said process comprising:
- (a) preparing a pigmentary composition comprising particles (p) with a chromium oxide base, in which the chromium present as chromium (VI) represents at most 5 ppm of the total mass of the particles (p), by bringing into contact:
- (i) hydrated chromium oxide-based particles ( $p_0$ ), with a chromium (VI) content between 20 and 1000 ppm of the total mass of said particles ( $p_0$ ); and
  - (ii) an iron (II) compound; and
- (b) preparing a cosmetic comprising the pigmentary composition.
10. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the cosmetic comprises at least one of a highlighter, a mascara, an eyeliner, or a foundation.